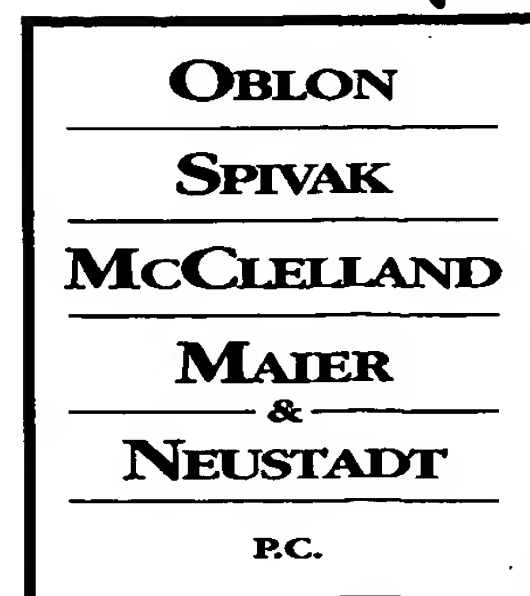




EGW



Docket No.: 238546US8CIP

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

BRADLEY D. LYTLE
(703) 412-6489
BLYTLE@OBLON.COM

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/645,528
Applicants: Shunichi MATSUSHITA, et al.
Filing Date: August 22, 2003
For: OPTICAL SIGNAL AMPLIFIER
Group Art Unit: 3663
Examiner:

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

STATUS REQUEST FOR FIRST OFFICE ACTION (in duplicate)

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Bradley D. Lytle

Registration No. 40,073

Customer Number

22850

(703) 413-3000 (phone)
(703) 413-2220 (fax)

Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423



DOCKET NO.: 238546US8CIP/mms

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Shunichi MATSUSHITA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 10/645,528

GROUP NO: 3663

FILED: August 22, 2003

EXAMINER:

FOR: OPTICAL SIGNAL AMPLIFIER

FIRST OFFICE ACTION STATUS REQUEST

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Patent Office is respectfully requested to inform the undersigned of the approximate date a first Official Action will be issued in this Application.

A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for your convenience.

Respectfully Submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

Bradley D. Lytle
Registration No. 40,073

Customer Number

22850

Tel. (703) 413-3000
Fax. (703) 413-2220
(OSMMN 10/04)

Surinder Sachar
Registration No. 34,423